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SUBJECT: ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS TO MEET

1. GOP HAS ANNOUNCED THIRD MEETING OF COMMITTEE OF ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS WILL BE HELD JUNE 20-22 IN BAGUIO. ACCORDING OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT HEADS OF RESPECTIVE DELEGATIONS ARE:

(A) INDONESIA: R. B. I. N. DJAJADININGRAT, DIR GEN OF POLAFFAIRS.

(B) MALAYSIA: TAN SRI ZAITON IBRAHIM BIN AHMAD, SECY GEN, MFA.

(C) SINGAPORE: TAN BOON SENG, DEPUTY SECY, POLITICAL, MFA.

(D) THAILAND: PHAN WANNAMETHEE, DIRECTOR- GENERAL, POL DEPT, MFA.

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(E) PHILIPPINES: JOSE D. INGLES, UNDERSECRETARY FOR
POLAFF, DFA.

2. GOP DEPT PUBLIC INFORMATION PRESS RELEASE ALSO STATES
COMMITTEE IS WORKING AS TECHNICAL GROUP TO STUDY MEANS
OF REALIZING OBJECTIVES OF KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION ADVOCAT-
ING RECOGNITION OF SEA ASIA AS ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND
NEUTRALITY FREE FROM INTERFERENCE BY OUTSIDE POWERS. IN
PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH POL COUNSELOR, UNDERSEC INGLES
SAID GOP WOULD PROPOSE FOR COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION AN
" ALTERNATIVE" METHOD TO REACH THAT GOAL.

3. STORY FILED JUNE 18 BY AP CORRESPONDENT MANILA INDICATES
THAT PHIL SABAH CLAIM ISSUE WOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DISCUSSED
AT BAGUIO MEETING. AP STORY REPORTED THAT, ACCORDING TO
ASEAN DIPLOMATIC SOURCES, SABAH CLAIM WAS SUBJECT OF SECRET
NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN PHILS AND MALAYSIA AT HONG KONG RECENTLY
WHICH INDONESIAN FONMIN MALIK HELPED GET UNDERWAY ENROUTE TO
HIS VISIT TO KOREA. ACCORDING AP, ASEAN SOURCES REPORTED
PHIL PROPOSED RENOUNCE PUBLICLY ITS CLAIM TO SABAH IN RETURN
FOR MALAYSIAN ASSURANCE THAT SABAH STATE GOVT WOULD NOT SUP-
PORT MUSLIM DISSIDENTS IN SOUTHERN PHILIPPINES, BUT NO
SOLUTION EMERGED FROM MEETING.

4. COMMENT: SENIOR OFFICIAL MEETINGS REPRESENT
CONTINUING EFFORTS ASEAN COUNTRIES DEFINE GUIDELINES
FOR NEUTRALIZATION SEA REGION. DEVELOPMENT SATISFACTORY
DEFINITION WHICH ENCOMPASSES VARIED INTERESTS OF MEMBER
STATES REMAINS DIFFICULT PROSPECT, AS GOP PROPOSAL FOR
" ALTERNATIVE" SOLUTION WOULD SEEM TO INDICATE.
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